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Father Darkleaf

By
CALVIN ROBINSON

Greetings. Every day is something special, but maybe this Thursday rates extra attention. It is the seventh day of the seventh month of the seventy-seventh year. You would write it 7-7-77. I figure you won't be able to do that again until July 7, 2077. But August 8, 1988, you can write 8-8-88.

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A "safe and sane Fourth" was everyone's wish and many got it. I was up soon after six, set up a small Flag, and then drove through town. "No Vacancy" sign at a local motel. The bread man was delivering a fresh supply of the staff of life at a food store. The special holiday tourist stop was open on Confederate Blvd., offering coffee, coke and doughnut to travelers. On Main Street, two men were setting up Flags in front of a bank. A bit later, other Flags appeared. The Arts & Crafts shop at the railroad depot was open, with Flag flying. Most service stations were open for business. But absent was the usual parade of cars and people off to work. Did not hear a lawnmower. Appomattox was settling down to a "safe and sane Fourth." By the time you read this, the accident totals will be announced and I hope we are not in the statistics.

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A stretch of Route 460, West Appomattox, has been resurfaced, and we hope Court Street is next. Preliminary work on Court Street has been going on for some time. Who know, eventually they may get to Martha Street, where I live.

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At long last, a few garden ripe tomatoes from my modest garden. And a red gladioli. A bee stung me on the wrist while I was pruning honeysuckle, to let me know that bees like honeysuckle in bloom. A friend was telling me that someone from Lynchburg asked him to bring them a few honeysuckle plants and he begged off for fear that soon the city would be covered over. Well, everything has its place and honeysuckle looks great along a distant fence.

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Time was when July Fourth meant a patriotic rally and oratory, free refreshments and maybe a parade. I recall one such rally at Locust Dale. One of the "country fellows" was given a filled ice cream cone. He knew what to do with the ice cream but have never seen a cone. He brought it back to the lady, thanked her and said, "lady, you did not give me a spoon but I used my pocket knife to eat the fine cream, and here is your container."

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Alas, have seen a few Japanese beetles around. Wish they could read a "no vacancy" sign.

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What goes on in Congress is recorded in The Congressional Record, and I receive that interesting publication, courtesy of my Congressman, Rep. Dan Daniel. On a recent roll call vote I noted that the names of Congressman ran alphabetically from Abdner to Zeferetti and in between there was a Stump, Fish, Ireland, two Smiths, Nix, Obey (David R of Wisc.), Pepper, Pickle and Rose. Offhand, can you name Virginia's representatives in Washington? Twelve of 'em, two Senators and ten Representatives.

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A letter from Florida asks about several family names and records. The writer, obviously a great scholar, was looking for information I could not supply, as genealogy is not my specialty. However, I am passing on his letter to a friend who may be able to help.

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By way of my church magazine, The Jamestown Churchman, I note that the

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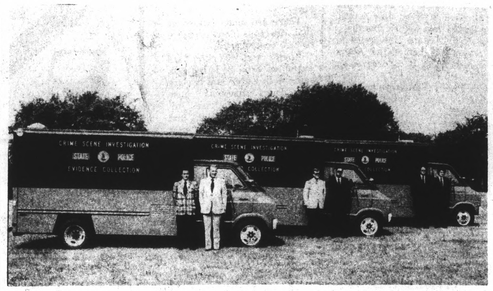

State Police Photo

Three crime scene search and evidence collection vehicles have been put into service by the Department of State Police. They will be located at offices in Wytheville, Appomattox and Richmond, and operated by two-man teams. Operators pictured above are (left to right) Investigators G. D. Watts and H. H. Chambers, H. L. Dale and W. P. Schultze, K. E. Andrews, Jr. and L. A. Floyd.

Crime Scene Search And Evidence Collection Van To Locate In Appomattox

Three crime scene search and evidence collection vehicles, purchased at a total cost of $76,244 and partially funded by a federal grant in the amount of $54,000 made available through the State's Division of Justice and Crime Prevention, have been put into service by the Department of State Police and one is located at the Third Division Headquarters at Appomattox.

State Police Sgt. S. Carroll Delp of Appomattox said the van will be available to all law enforcement agencies within the division's area.

State Police Investigator H. H. Chambers, also of the Appomattox Division, has been assigned to operate the van and its sophisticated equipment.

Colonel D. M. Slane said, in making the announcement, that the vehicles are designed to improve the Department's capability of arriving on the scene of every major crime in which State Police assistance is requested and with all the necessary equipment and trained personnel to identify, collect, process and preserve evidence.

"The use of these mobile crime laboratories will undoubtedly make a significant contribution to the Department's investigative capabilities," said Colonel Slane. "They will ensure a more thorough and scientific search as well as improve the preservation of all physical evidence at the scene of a crime."

The vehicles, built to Department specifications by Sirchie Fingerprint Laboratories, Inc. of Raleigh, N. C., are assigned to the Division of Investigation which was created by the 1974 General Assembly and established within the Department July 1 of that year.

During 1976, the Division of Investigation conducted 4,085 criminal investigations. Thirty-four percent were at the request for assistance by local law enforcement authorities throughout the Commonwealth. Division Captain H. V. Boone noted that the vans would be located at the Department's offices in Wytheville, Appomattox and Richmond and would provide for a reasonable response time to crimes committed in any location of the State.

The mobile crime laboratories, painted blue and gray, will be the first utilized by the State Police and similar to those now being used by several local police departments in the state. Captain Boone said, however, that the State Police vehicles had been specifically equipped with tandem rear wheels to increase road maneuver-ability, particularly in rural areas, and that each vehicle would be operated by a two-man team consisting of graduates of the Bureau of Forensic Science Academy.

The interior configuration of each vehicle is direct walk-through access from cab to laboratory area with steel insulated paneling, custom made aluminum cabinets, dome lights, dash mounted console and evidence examination tables.

The vans also have side-mounted spot lights, internal and external electrical receptables, sink, refrigator, water reservoir and a complete compliment of crime scene search equipment including special lighting accessories.

Investigative equipment in the laboratory is extensive and includes: evidence vacuum sweeper kit, latent fingerprint search kit, Chemical latent fingerprint kit, latent blood detection kit, plaster casting kit, blood recovery kit.

Also, metal detection kit, neutron activation analysis kit, narcotic analysis kit, number restoration kit, ultra-violet kit, post mortem fingerprint kit, anti-putrification mask kits, photographic equipment, and a combination land and underwater metal detector.

Plans Being Made For Tommy Sesler Crusade

Phase I of the Central Virginia Tommy Sesler Crusade will be held July 17th through July 22nd at the Rustburg High School football stadium beginning at 8:00 p.m.

Tommy Sesler from Chattanooga, Tennessee will be preaching each evening and Bob Ward, Minister of Music at Park Avenue Baptist Church in Nashville, Tennessee, will be leading the Crusade Choir and singing for the week of meetings.

Sesler is a young, dynamic evangelist who preaches the Gospel of Christ all across America.

Shown above are representatives, from some 148 churches of all denominatins participating in the Centrl Virginia Area, receiving some promotion literature at the rally held on Thursday night, June 30th at the Rustburg High School cafeteria. Some 200 people attended the rally.

Bob Ward, song leader, invites all who would like to sing in the Crusade Choir to be present at the Rustburg United Methodist Church for a practice on Saturday, July 16, 1977 at 7:30 p.m.

Programs On Flowers /Home Gardens To Be Offered at VPI&SU

The Cooperative Extension Service of VPI & SU will offer two programs concerning flowers and home vegetable gardens this summer.

Symposium IX is scheduled for July 19, 20, 21 and 22 at the Donaldson Brown Continuing Education Center. This program is arranged for the Virginia Council of Nationally Accredited Flower Show Judges and the general public who are interested in new ideas for artistic design and detailed instruction in the growing of gladiolus, tuberous begonias and herbareous perennials.

The Garden Lovers Short Course is scheduled for August 17, 18 and 19, 1977. The Garden Lovers Short Course is arranged especially for homeowners interested in learning more about landscaping and fruit and vegetable production for the home grounds.

The full course price for Symposium IX is $25.00 with different costs, cheaper, for various parts of this program. The full cost for the Garden Lovers Short Course is $7.00 with lower rates for certain parts of the program only.

Call or visit the Extension Office for further details. Make a notation in your calendar now.

Farm Bureau Seeks Farms In Same Family For Over 200 Years

Farms which have been in the same family for at least 200 years are being sought by the Virginia Farm Bureau, according to Jimmy Rosser, Appomattox Farm Bureau president.

The farms, begun before or during 1777, will be recognized as "Bicentennial Farms" by the Virginia Farm Bureau.

Registered farms must have been owned by the same family for at least 200 years and must be 10 acres or larger. The farmowner does not have to be a Farm Bureau member.

"The line of ownership from the first family member owning the land may be through wives and husbands, children, brothers and sisters, nephews and nieces. Adopted children will be recognized equally with blood children," Rosser said.

To enter the program, the farmowner must submit a statement of certification from the Clerk of the Court or other documentation and registration form to the county Farm Bureau. The forms will be reviewed by the county board of directors and recommended to the Virginia Farm Bureau president for recognition and publication. Registration forms will be available from the county Farm Bureau office.

Virginia Farm Bureau will continue to receive entries for the Bicentennial Farm certification through 1983 for annual recognition.

October 1 will be the deadline for registration for each year of the period.

All farms certified during the year will be recognized with a plaque presented at the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation annual meeting.

David B. White

NAMED ASSISTANT PRODUCTION MANAGER AT VIRGINIA FIBRE

Virginia Fibre Corporation vice-president and resident manager, W. W. Ricketson, Sr., has announced the promotion of David B. White to the position of Assistant Production Manager, effective July 1, 1977.

Upon graduation from North Carolina State University in Pulp and Paper Technology, Dave accepted a position with Union Camp at Franklin, Virginia where he became Process Engineer. Dave's next position was that of Pulp Mill Supervisor with Tennessee River Pulp and Paper Company in Counce, Tennessee. Dave came to Virignia Fibre Corporation in January 1974 from Georgia Kraft located in Rome, Georgia where he served as Paper Mill Superintendent.

In addition to his present responsibilities as Technical Services Director, Dave will now share production responsibility over the total Virginia Fibre Corporation mill operation.

Dave and his wife, Sharon, and children, Lynn, Dave, Dana and Jonathan are members of Liberty Baptist Church in Appomattox and reside in Appomattox County.

FIRST AID CLASS WILL BE TAUGHT

An American Red Cross class in Standard First Aid & Personal Safety will be taught each Wednesday evening beginning July 6 at 7 p.m. at the Appomattox County Rescue Squad Building. The course will last for six weeks.

If interested in taking this course call 352-7451.

Price Support Rates For 1977-Crop Flue Cured Tobacco Announced

The U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced on June 22 rates by grades which producers will receive for 1977 crop flue-cured tobacco delivered for support. These rates range from 72 cents to $1.46 a pound and are the same for tied and untied tobacco.

The rates reflect an average support of $1.188 a pound, about 7.8 percent above 1976, as announced April 18, 1977. Increases over 1976 grade rates range from 1-11 cents per pound. In a news release issued

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Preliminary Housing Survey Completed For Town of Appomattox

A preliminary housing survey for the Town of Appomattox has been completed and contains information to meet the needs of the Central Virginia Planning District's Housing Plan in order to apply for HUD financial support. The survey determines the condition of housing through personal interviews and external surveys, correlates condition of housing with socio-economic characteristics of its occupants; determines population characteristics of residents supplies information to town officials regarding condition of streets, police and fire protection, recreational needs and opinions of town officials concern for the town needs and serves as an interim census for the town.

The survey was conducted in two parts. The personal surveys were conducted from April 11 to April 24 by the interviewer teams, made up of two students from Longwood College in Farmville. The external surveys, conducted by the student survey team from Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, were conducted on April 25, 1977 in a period of about four hours.

The summary statistics have uncovered some over-all characteristics of the town.

The most dominant group of the town's population is the large number of elderly couples who have been long time residents and are now retired, there does not seem to be an influx of retirees into the town. For the most part, they own their own homes and are not burdened by house payments, as their incomes are quite low, perhaps due to the dependence on social security benefits.

The housing is in good condition, on the whole. Less than 8% of the families interviewed have an income under $3000, whereas the largest category is comprised of those families with incomes of $15,000 and over, followed by $7,000 to $9,000. Cumulatively, less than 50% have an income level of below $11,000.

Although most of the townspeople who were interviewed were retired, there are some general characteristics of the employed residents.

Over half of the employed persons who responded to the survey work within 15 miles of Appomattox. The occupation of this group was either skilled manual labor or machine operators (semi-skilled) and the income was mainly in the $11,000 to $13,000 category.

A survey summary states that those driving more than 15 miles to work were all administration-minor professional employees and probably commuted to Lynchburg.

Another interesting observation is that a large percentage, 49%, of spouses are full-time workers. This is perhaps a reflection of a general nation-wide trend for more women to join the ranks of the employed to supplement family earnings.

According to the summary, no one particular area of town had a significant number of service problems, or other indications of need, such as low-income families or dilapidated dwellings.

The survey showed that recreational needs do not appear to be weighted toward active sports. This is attributable to the majority of elderly responding, most likely. However, among the most popular of the other recreational options were tennis courts, playgrounds, swimming pool and bikepaths.

The summary says that the relatively high quality housing in Appomattox does not point to a great need for widespread assistance.

The majority of the dwelling in the town are single-family residences, 69.4% of all the units. A smaller percentage, 9.2%, are multi-family and only 1% are mobile homes.

The condition survey indicates the overall state of the dwelling units is in good condition, with the large majority being at least in fair condition.

The summary says town officials will want to consider the characteristics of the population in deciding future recreational facilities, health care needs and other services offered by the town.

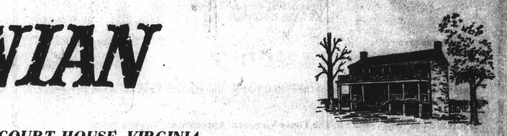
The report says a number of recommended policies, programs and actions which the town officials could consider are: for recreational service, the elderly segment of the townspeople should be provided for. The type of leisure activities suited to such an age group are mainly passive, indoor programs, such as card playing. Many of these needs may be met by church or social groups. The demand for active recreational facilities should be carefully gauged prior to large capital investments made.

Some of the respondents expressed the need for better neighborhood street maintenance. This is often an area of concern as chronic problems can arise due to poor drainage or soil conditions. Efforts could be directed toward pin-pointing chronic or occasional town streets needing maintenance or repair. Likewise, water problems though not widespread or severe, could be traced to the source, and if possible alleviated.

An important consideration is proper health care services, particularly for the elderly. Such services might include at-home care, day nursing facilities, or a housing assistance program to ensure the elderly safe, healthy living conditions.

Finaly, in the housing characteristics, the results show that those with higher incomes are buying or own their homes, while those with lower incomes usually are renting. Most of the home-owners make no house payments, but those in the process of buying their homes are making higher payments, while those renting are making lower payments. The results indicate that the younger people is renting and making higher monthly payments. Those from 30 years old and up are more likely to be owners or buyers. There are some persons 65 years of age who are paying low rents.

The final housing survey for the Town of Appomattox will be completed at a later date.



RETIRED TEACHER RECOGNIZED BY SCHOOL BOARD

At the Appomattox County School Board meeting on Tuesday, June 28th, Mrs. Mary Grey Holland was presented with a certificate of appreciation for her services to the Appomattox County Schools. The certificate was presented, on behalf of the School Board, by its chairman, Dr. A. A. Fratrick. Mrs. Holland retired at the end of the 1976-77 school session.

"Mrs. Holland's services have been dedicated, competent, and efficient," said Dr. Fratrick. "She has had a positive influence on the lives of many students, and has contributed to the continued progress of an outstanding school system in Appomattox," he continued.

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Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Miss Appomattox Dixie Youth

Sheila Roach, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Roach, was crowned **MISS APPOMATTOX DIXIE YOUTH** in ceremonies at the Woodmen of the World baseball field Saturday night. Sheila, a seventh grade student at Appomattox Middle School, was representing the Yankee Team.

She will represent the Appomattox All-Star Team at the regional tournament in Rustburg on July 14th and will compete for the **MISS VIRGINIA DIXIE YOUTH** title at the state tournament in South Hill later this month.